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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Please cancel claims 1-6, without prejudice.

✓ Please add the following new claims:

7. (New) An electrical plug connection comprising:

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first and second connectors adapted to be detachably coupled to one another in an axially running plug direction, the first connector including a housing;

a receiving slot formed in the housing of the first connector;

a flange protruding at the second connector, the flange at least regionally engaging with the receiving slot when the first and second connectors are coupled, the flange having an end face and having a side surface;

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